

NMSE Course a Great Success!

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The 2003 Colonel Douglas Kersey Neuromusculoskeletal Evaluation Course for Physical Therapists was a great success this year. This was an intensive hands-on course, which included over 35 attendees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Public Health Service. The course incorporated several classes on the Physical Therapists role in deployed environments, including presentations on Deployment for PTs, Wound Care for PTs and Traumatic Amputee Care. In addition, the attendees received an outstanding talk on Triage for PTs, which incorporated traumas seen recently in Afghanistan. This was followed by a full day at Camp Bullis where attendees put their knowledge to the test during a challenging and realistic EMT Lane focusing on traumatic injuries.

The second part of the course utilized the amazing technology of VideoTele-Training (VTT). VTT allowed the course to be broadcast to PT Clinics around the world from Alaska to Qatar. Several clinics had tapes made to send to their deployed therapists who otherwise would not have access to the continuing education.

Adding to the expertise of our nationally recognized military faculty were several renowned civilian therapists. This part of the course focused intensely on advanced practice techniques such as spinal and peripheral joint mobilization and manipulation. This cutting edge course provided a great vehicle to spread the concept of evidence-based practice to physical therapists across the DOD system.



*Navy and Army PTs
transporting patient during
EMT lane*



*PTs conducting triage
during EMT lane*